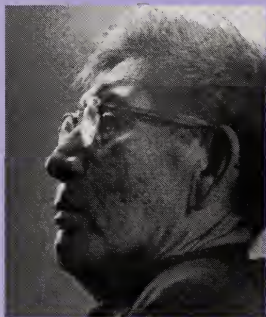
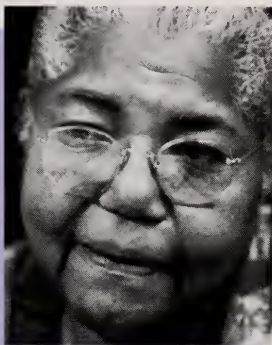
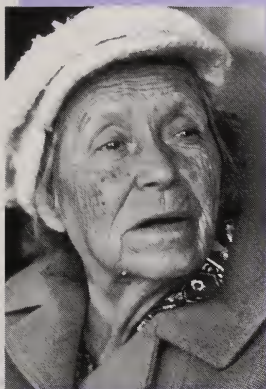


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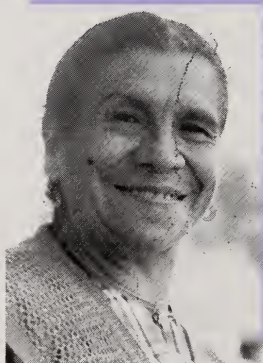
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Old age is a time to treasure. But for some older people it is a time for tears. No one talks much about elder abuse. It is kept hidden behind drawn curtains and shuttered windows. But like other forms of abuse, elder abuse happens in all communities, among all races and nationalities. It even happens in "nice" families.



What is elder abuse?

Elder abuse is when someone takes the money an older person needs to live. **Elder abuse** is when a caregiver fails to provide an older person with adequate food, water or medical care. **Elder abuse** is violence, theft, neglect. And elder abuse will happen again and again in our communities unless caring people do something to make it stop. Most of us have older family members and know older adults who live in our communities. There are many ways you can show them honor and respect.

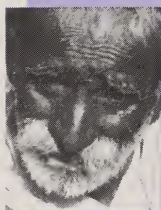


Do

- * Visit them regularly.
- * Keep track of medicines and doctors' visits.
- * Help them financially, if necessary.
- * Honor their trust.
- * Respect their feelings.

Don't

- * Treat them like children.
- * Strike, hit or push them.
- * "Borrow" their money.
- * Speak to them harshly.
- * Fail to provide them with adequate care.



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If you know an older person who is being harmed in any way, call us at the Illinois Department on Aging. We can help.

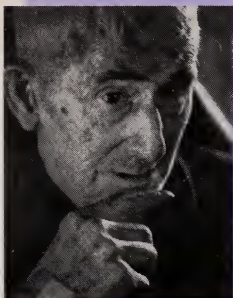
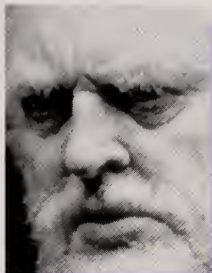
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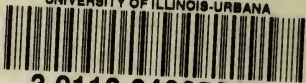




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